

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

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S.P. 921 - L.D. 2243

**An Act Increasing the Debt Limit of the West Paris Water District**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the West Paris Water District is under an administrative order from the Maine drinking water program to replace a water storage tank by December 31, 2027; and

**Whereas,** the needed funds exceed the current borrowing capacity of the district; and

**Whereas,** the district needs an immediate increase in its borrowing authority in order to timely schedule the needed improvements; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. P&SL 1963, c. 83, §10, first ¶,** as amended by P&SL 1995, c. 8, §1, is further amended to read:

**Sec. 10. Authorized to borrow money, to issue bonds and notes.** For accomplishing the purposes of this act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary for the carrying out of these purposes, the district, through its trustees, without vote of the inhabitants, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue therefor its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, including organizational and other necessary expenses and liabilities whether incurred by the district or the Town of West Paris, the district being authorized to reimburse the Town of West Paris for any such expense incurred by it and in acquiring properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains, aqueducts and conduits, constructing, maintaining and operating a water plant or system and making renewals, additions, extensions and improvements to the same and to cover interest payments during the period of construction, the district, through its trustees, without the vote of its inhabitants, is also authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the district in one series, or in separate

series, in such amount or amounts, bearing interest at such rate or rates, and having such terms and provisions as the trustees determine; ~~provided~~ except that the total outstanding indebtedness of the district may not exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$8,000,000 at any one time.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.